



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need; and*

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus provides financial and mutual aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works; and*

*WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council in 1882, to more than 12,000 councils and 1.6 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan; and*

*WHEREAS, the first chartered Knights of Columbus Councils in Idaho are Pocatello Council 892 and Boise (Sacred Heart) Council 899, and will be celebrating their Centennial Anniversary in May 2004; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Knights of Columbus in 2002 provided \$162,528.00 in charitable donations, and 163,324 volunteer hours to their Church and Communities; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Idaho Knights of Columbus and its members and families for their many contributions to our state and its citizens; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 10 through 16, 2004 to be*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEEK**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE